

"To Helmet the Kaiser" Is the Way a Contributor to the Pittsfield Eagle Describes America's Response to the Liberty Loan Call

BERLIN PLOT TO GET HOLD ON BRAZIL

Another Batch of Luxburg Telegrams

HAD PLAN UNDER WAY

Wanted U-Boats to Impress Brazil While German Hold on South Brazil Was Gained.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Count Luxburg, the German Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Aires, now dismissed, whose intercepted telegram to the German Foreign Office, sent through the Swedish Minister to Argentina, disclosed the German policy of "spurious voracity"—the sinking of merchant ships without leaving a trace—came again into the limelight today when Secretary Lansing gave to the press another Luxburg dispatch to the German Government showing that Germany contemplated obtaining a foothold in Brazil.

The German plot to violate the Monroe Doctrine through consolidating German settlements in the province of Rio Grande do Sul has been long suspected, but it took the indiscreet Luxburg to confirm the suspicion.

Secretary Lansing's disclosure took the form of two telegrams sent by Count Luxburg to the Foreign Office at Berlin from Buenos Aires. The Secretary's hand was forced in a measure by the statement of the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs this week, that Germany had been caught in a plot to invade Brazil. While the two Luxburg telegrams do not fully sustain the statements made by the Brazilian Minister, they show that if Germany should win the war she would turn her attention to the Western Hemisphere with a view to obtaining a hold there, with its consequent menace to the United States. That danger is still present and, in the opinion of officials, furnishes a potent reason for the most thorough American participation in the war.

BRITISH LOSSES HEAVIER

Week Total of Killed, Wounded and Missing 24,091.

British casualties reported during the week ended yesterday totaled 24,091, it is announced at London. They were divided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 383; men, 4656.

Officers wounded or missing, 1102; men, 17,950.

The total is considerably greater than the previous week, when the figure was 17,041. The week before that was 14,993 and a week further back 17,505.

RETURNED TO ENLIST

Brandon Jones, Rejected Twice, To Try Again at Springfield.

Montpelier, Oct. 29.—Brandon Jones, who was rejected at the navy examination board in Burlington last week, went back for another examination Saturday. He was not accepted and will go this week to Springfield, Mass., for examination. If he fails there he will go to Boston where he passed a successful examination two years ago.

He takes little stock in the claim of color blindness, having passed a high examination so short a time ago.

SHE WANTS TO BOMB BERLIN

American Woman Aviator Anxious to Have the First Chance.

London, Oct. 30.—According to Mrs. Florence Allen Degen, who spoke yesterday at a meeting of the British Women's Patriotic League, there is an American girl who is an expert aviator, and who has the ambition of being the first person to drop bombs on Berlin.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Woman to do washing at 248 South St. Tel. 9-Y. 3214

LOST—Bunch of keys. Finder please return to Edward Haddad, 123 Bradford St. 3216*

WANTED—Women to sell guaranteed hosiery to wearers. Salary \$15 full time, 25c. an hour part time. Enormous Christmas trade. Experience unnecessary. Guarantee Mills, Norristown, Pa. 3216*

WANTED—Spinners for night work, steady work, good guarantee and excellent work. McLaren Knitting Co., West Sand Lake, N. Y. 3216*

WANTED—Busheiman formerly employed by John Backus wants position. Will take any kind of work. Address Lombardo, Box 312, Bennington. 3212*

ITALIANS ARE HOLDING NEW DEFENCE LINE

Think They Can Stop German Push

THEIR LOSSES HEAVY

Reports From Berlin Today do Not Make Any Claims to Important Further Progress.

London, Oct. 31.—The reports yesterday from the invasion of Italy by Germans and Austrians were meager. Little was made known beyond the fact that Udine, the Italian headquarters and an important railway center, had been captured.

Rome reports that the Italian armies were fighting rear-guard actions, the cavalry being in contact with the invaders, and that bridges had been destroyed in the effort to delay the pursuit.

The Italian forces are plainly in a crisis. They are trying to reach positions behind the Tagliamento river and there check the rush of the enemy forces. Whether they will succeed may depend on the rapidity of the Teuton descent from the north.

Berlin reports that everywhere along the front of the Carnic Alps the Teutons have broken through to the Venetian front. The success is not checked the Tagliamento line would be taken in flank. There is encouragement in the statement that all the British artillery was brought off safely.

STORM WRECKS STREETS

Trains and Trolleys Blocked—Trees Uprooted at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Oct. 31.—The rain-storm which struck Brattleboro yesterday left damage amounting to several thousand dollars. Nearly every street in town will need attention, and the section have nearly exhausted their road appropriation. The wind blew out four of the plate-glass windows in the store fronts of the new Barber building. E. F. Fenton estimates damage to his men's clothing shop at more than \$3000. The Vinton paper mills lost stock valued at several hundred dollars. For nearly 100 yards the sidewalks caved in on Canal street, and Maple street, Chestnut street, Organ street, Crosby street and Chase street were made impassable. Along the steep embankment which borders the railroad east of Main street there were several landslides. Trains were blocked a long time. It was not until late in the afternoon the street railway could operate clear through its line to West Brattleboro, owing to washouts. In several sections of the town large elm shade trees were uprooted, ripping up sidewalks with them. There were no sessions of the schools either morning or afternoon.

RAILWAYS STRIPPED OF MEN.

Women and Children Do the Work at German Stations.

The Hague, Oct. 30.—It is learned from a neutral traveler who has just traversed Germany that a striking condition there is the almost entire absence of men at the railway stations.

Women and children, with pale, drawn faces, were doing all the work, with the exception of a few crippled soldiers. Children were seen hauling trucks containing baggage and goods. This is undoubtedly a sign, the traveler believes, that Germany is using every available man for military purposes.

The main reason of the new order reducing civilian traveling and curtailing all military furloughs is undoubtedly a lack of facilities for transportation and for supplying coal but is also due in part to a lack of employees. Relatives are now requested not to visit soldiers stationed in garrisons. No exceptions are to be made for the Christmas holidays.

AUTO KILLED DOE

Animal Jumped in Front of Brattleboro Man's Machine.

Two deer, a buck and a doe, jumped in front of an automobile driven by Arlin Whitney of Brattleboro, about a half a mile this side of the Chesham place last Sunday night and while Mr. Whitney was able to avoid hitting the buck, the doe was less fortunate, being struck amidships by a front spring and almost instantly killed.

STATE ROAD WORK

Making Good Progress in Spite of Rainy Weather.

State Highway Commissioner S. B. Bates states that in spite of the rainy weather the towns are crowding their work along as fast as possible and that more work than usual is being done at this time of year. There are but three large jobs on permanent roads under way. The \$10,000 road in Sunderland Hollow and in Colchester over which there was a fight in the last session of the legislature and in which Colchester people won out, the new road in Smugglers Notch and in the Randolph gulch near Brattleboro.

IN MILLION CLASS

Montpelier Subscribed to Total of \$1,053,150 of Liberty Bonds.

Montpelier, Oct. 29.—The corrected figures as given out by the Liberty Loan committee of Montpelier showed that the city through the four banks here did better than was expected and \$1,053,150 worth of bonds were sold of which the National Life took \$300,000.

The city outside of this purchase surpassed the minimum quota of \$450,000 allotted to Montpelier.

Why I Believe in Nuxated Iron

A Strength-Builder for the Nation.

By E. Sauer, M. D.

Probably no remedy has ever met with such phenomenal success as has Nuxated Iron. It is conservatively estimated that over three million people annually are taking it in this country alone. It has been highly endorsed and used by former United States Senators and Members of Congress; Physicians who have been connected with well-known hospitals have prescribed and recommended it; Monseigneur Nannini, a prominent Catholic Clergyman, recommends it to all members of the Catholic Church. Former Health Commissioner Wm. R. Kerr, of Chicago, says it ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician. Sarah Bernhardt—"the Divine Sarah"—the world's most noted actress, has ordered a large quantity sent to the French soldiers to help give them strength, power and endurance.

Dr. A. J. Newman, late Police Surgeon of the City of Chicago, and former House Surgeon of Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, says Nuxated Iron has proven through his own tests of it to excel any preparation he has ever used for creating red blood, building up the nerves, strengthening the muscles and correcting digestive disorders.

Dr. N. H. Hornstine for ten years Physician in the Department of Public Health and Charities of Philadelphia says that tests made with Nuxated Iron on a number of stubborn cases where other tonics had failed absolutely convinced him of its remarkable and unusual power.

If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained.

NOTE: Nuxated Iron, which has been used by former Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and other prominent people with such surprising results, and which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians in such a great variety of cases, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians everywhere. Unlike the older iron salts, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black nor upset the stomach; on the contrary it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron, that they offer to forfeit \$100 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 100 per cent. or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed by all good druggists.—W. L. Gokay.

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST IN FIRE IN BALTIMORE

Burning of Piers Causes Loss of \$5,000,000

WORK OF INCENDIARIES

Conflagration Followed Rocket Signals from Different Sections of the Water Front.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 31.—Fifteen persons are believed to have perished and a property loss of over four million dollars is the estimate of the destruction caused by a fire on the Baltimore water front today. The fire was raging at noon.

Five of the dead are workmen who are engaged on pier construction and two of the missing are seamen on board the British steamer Kerry Ranger and who jumped overboard when they saw the flames from the burning piers sweeping over the ship. Secret agents and the Baltimore police are searching the city for five men who were seen running from the pier immediately after the fire department turned in a general alarm, and who are believed to have started the fire.

All doubt regarding the origin of the fire was removed by the Baltimore and Ohio officials, who state that just before the flames broke out in five different sections a number of rockets were thrown up and the signals were immediately followed by explosions. The officials estimate the loss at \$5,000,000, partly covered by insurance.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 31.—The Kerry Ranger, the British steamer caught in the fire at the Baltimore and Ohio piers today, has sunk and is now resting on the bottom of the harbor. The steamer is a steel vessel of 5546 tons and owned by the Furness-Witby company of London, Ltd.

DEATH AT WESTFIELD

Walter J. Fuller of the First Vermont Died From Pneumonia.

Walter J. Fuller, 25, youngest son of Parker A. Fuller of East Putney, died at Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., about 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning of bronchial pneumonia, following measles. He was taken ill on September 4 with measles and on October 4 pneumonia developed. He had been in a critical condition for some time, and his parents and brother, Henry, visited him several times with different physicians. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller left for Camp Bartlett Saturday morning in response to a telephone message that their son was worse and after their departure news of his death came.

The death of Mr. Fuller is the 7th at the camp since the New England troops were mobilized at Hampton Plains. He was stricken in the epidemic that broke out just before the orders were given for certain units to entrain preparatory to leaving for the western front.

TO RESTORE STATE TROOPS

Gov. Graham Assured Vermont Men Will Resume Identity.

Montpelier, Oct. 29.—Gov. H. F. Graham will return Tuesday morning from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending a conference relative to military and fuel matters. One of the most important facts that developed from the conference with Secretary Baker was that the State troops will be restored to their identity after the close of the war, a matter which the governors have been unable to learn until the conference took place. That is, of course, the intention of the present administration.

Another fact, which is of considerable interest to the Vermonters who have wondered what was to be done of the regiment at Westfield, was settled when Secretary Baker informed the most important fact that the organization is to be sent to France and that it soon would be moved from Westfield, but this movement of the depleted organization to France does not mean exclusively the Vermont regiment, for the application applies to all National Guard organizations from the detachments were taken. Whether the troops will be moved directly from Westfield to France was not announced.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair and continued cold to night and Thursday.

FOOD CARD CANVASS

List of Young Women Who Are Circulating the Cards.

Following is the list of the names of local canvassers for Bennington on the Pledge Card Campaign of the United States Food Administration. Mrs. George M. Hawks, chairman, Miss Katharine Huling and Miss Helen J. Hawks, sub-chairmen, and Mrs. S. B. Hawks, chairman rural district.

They are assisted by Miss Isabel Tudor, Miss Mabel Cooper, Miss Isabel Norton, Miss Martha Dewey, Miss Geraldine Evans, Miss Edith Shibley, Miss Dorothy Carver, Miss Margaret Healy, Miss Esther Thompson, Miss Marcia Carpenter, Miss Martha Pratt, Miss Harriet Burt, Miss Louise Graves.

Miss Julia Brazil captains a team of the fifteen high school young ladies whose names follow: Florence Godfrey, Helen Denley, Annastasia Fitzgerald, Eleanor Hutton, Miss Crathern, Edna Wahlquist, R. Montgomery, Helen Thomas, S. Huntington, Doris Holton, H. Cleveland, M. Moore, A. Baker, E. Greene, M. Williams.

It is greatly to be desired that the housewives will co-operate in this great drive for the conservation of the food stuffs so urgently needed for the armies of our allies who are fighting our battles as much as their own and will sign these cards presented by the young ladies of the committee, thereby proving that the women, as well as the men, are in this fight to win.

CAPT. SULLIVAN ON STAND

Denies Testimony of Enlisted Men—Trial May End Today.

Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, Oct. 29.—Captain Howard E. Sullivan of Battery D, 105th Field Artillery, who is on trial for directing a public whipping administered to Private Otto Gottschalk, resumed his testimony at today's session of the court-martial and was put through a two-hour cross-examination during which he denied much of the testimony previously given by enlisted men in the battery. Sullivan testified that he assumed the battery together with not to ask the men's advice on what should be done to Private Gottschalk for his violation of sanitary regulations, but merely to let Gottschalk hear what his comrades thought of his act.

The captain swore that he had not witnessed Gottschalk's whipping and that he knew nothing about the affair until late in the afternoon.

Captain O. Richardson of the Former Second, who investigated the matter for Colonel Wingate, was called to the stand and testified that Sullivan admitted that he had told the men to "drag him" (Gottschalk) in, "kick him to the showers and spank him, but don't hurt him."

FIRST AMERICAN SHOT

Lieutenant Slightly Wounded by a Shell Splinter.

With the American Army in France, Oct. 29, (By The Associated Press).—The first American wounded in the trenches arrived today at a base hospital. He is a Lieutenant of the Signal Corps. He was hit in the leg by a shell splinter when working in a communication trench near the first line. The wound is slight.

The weather was clear and cold today in the American sector. A full moon shone tonight over the sector occupied by the American troops, flooding with its silver light the entire position and the surrounding country. It made conditions favorable for snipers, but hindered the patrols from working freely in No Man's Land.

Copenhagen, Oct. 30.—The first official report from the American expeditionary forces in France is printed in the German newspapers without any comment, although occasionally sarcastic emphasis is placed in the headlines on the reference to "a quiet sector" of the front. The American official dispatch is as a rule not included by the newspapers in the general column of enemy war reports, most of the journals endeavoring to adhere to the fiction that the United States is not regarded as a full-fledged member of the group hostile to the Central Powers.

COSTS 6,000,000 MEN

Germany's Losses in Three Years of War Include 1,500,000 Dead.

Germany has lost 6,000,000 men in the three years of war, according to a declaration made in the Reichstag by the Independent socialist, Ledebour. A report of his speech reaching Washington through Switzerland states that, contemplating the prospects of a fourth winter campaign, the socialist leader said: "You have not evidently, gentlemen, an exact conception of what war means. We have had 1,500,000 dead, 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 wounded, of whom 500,000 are crippled for life and 2,000,000 absolutely invalided. That makes altogether 6,000,000 men lost during three years." It is stated at Washington that official information confirmatory of these figures has been in possession of American officials for some time.

THIS COUNTRY JUMPS TO AID THE ITALIANS

Promptly Provides Ships and Money

CREDIT OF \$230,000,000

Owing to Present Crisis Italy is Given Preference Over France For a Short Time.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The American Government rallied strongly to the support of Italy by taking definite and effective steps to support that country in the military crisis precipitated by the German invasion.

A financial credit of \$230,000,000 was granted to the Government of Italy by the Government of the United States. The size of this credit, which is to be utilized in the purchase of coal, food stuffs, munitions and other needed supplies, is the most tangible evidence of the confidence the American Government reposes in the ability of the Italian Government and people to weather ultimately the storm that has been sweeping across the Valley of the Isarno, bringing about the collapse of the military front in that region.

In its effort to be of immediate service to Italy the Government, however, did not stop at the granting of this huge credit. Measures were adopted by which the Italian Government is to obtain the first 100,000 tons of shipping that becomes available for use in shipment of coal, fuel, supplies and foodstuffs, as well as munitions.

Preference was granted to the Italians over the French in this allotment of shipping. The Italians, as a result, will have the almost immediate use of twenty-five vessels averaging 4,000 tons each, the first two of which will be available tomorrow.

CANDLEPIN TOURNAMENT

Preliminary Games to Select Representative Team.

E. J. Sammon of the Brunswick alleys is conducting a bowling tournament this week. The five men rolling the highest 3 string total of candlepins will represent the Brunswick team. This team will play Adams, North Adams, Pittsfield, and other towns this winter.

The following men have the highest totals up to date:

Pearl	100	91	87	288
Irish	86	79	94	259
Cook	104	92	121	317
Ladd	82	83	113	285
Fitzgerald	86	110	83	279

ARCHIBOLD ESTATE HUG

Valued at \$41,249,995—Standard Oil Not the Biggest Part.

New York, Oct. 31.—The transfer to report on the estate of John D. Archibold, who was president of the Standard Oil Co., when he died May 7, 1916, shows that he left a total estate of \$41,249,995.

A surprising feature of the report filed by appraiser Charles Sweeney is the fact that the most valuable asset of the estate is not Mr. Archibold's holdings of Standard Oil shares, but his stock in an independent concern, the Magnolia Oil Co., of Texas, in which H. C. Folger, now president of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, was an original stockholder, and in which Mr. Archibold was induced to invest by Mr. Folger. They were the only Standard Oil men interested in the Magnolia company, they held the majority stock. Mr. Archibold's holdings were 65,478 shares, which was valued by the Archibold executors at \$9,550,000.

After counsel for State Controller Travis had taken extensive testimony to prove that this valuation was far too low, counsel for the Archibold estate stipulated that the Magnolia stock was to be appraised at \$18,241,454.

SEADLER BURNED AT SEA

Raider Said to Have Been Destroyed 2,000 Miles from Land.

A Pacific Port, Oct. 30.—Count von Luckner, commander of the German raider, Seeadler, told Phil Island newspaper correspondents, when he was captured, that the raider was destroyed by fire 2,000 miles from land, according to officers of a vessel which arrived here yesterday. Previous reports were that the vessel was wrecked on an island.

The Count also said that the Seeadler destroyed twenty-three steamers and sailing vessels on her cruise. Five of the captured craft, all sailing vessels, were sunk in the Pacific.

A favorite plan of his was to send out a wireless message asking for the time. Some one would oblige him, and often the ship supplying the time was traced and sunk.

BENNINGTON PAYS \$11,579.80 STATE WAR TAX

Must Be Raised By Taxes Next Year

CHECK SENT TUESDAY

This Is an Installment Toward the Million Dollar Appropriation Made by Vermont.

The selectmen of the town of Bennington yesterday sent a check for \$11,579.80 to the state treasurer. This is our first yearly installment toward the million dollar appropriation made by the state of Vermont for war expenses.

Under the law this money had to be paid on or before November 1st. This is the fund from which the Vermont volunteers are paid \$10 per month.

There is every reason to believe that the assessment will grow heavier if the war lasts, for when the legislature meets it is probably certain that state pay will be voted the drafted men.

The interesting thing about this check sent to the state treasurer is that it was not provided for by taxation this year for the reason that the state appropriation was not voted until some time after town meetings were held.

This means that the town will next year have to provide by taxes for the \$11,579.80 and at the same time provide for next year's installment which will not be any smaller. With two of these installments to pay in one year it will take an extra tax of 40 cents on the dollar in addition to the regular taxes of the town.

SOLDIER MAIL WEIGHT CUT

Parcels for Troops Abroad Now Limited to Seven Pounds.

An order issued by the Postmaster General, to become effective Nov. 1, limits fourth class or domestic parcel post matter intended for the American Expeditionary forces in France, to seven pounds.

The order is a modification of that of July 24 last which fixed the weight limit at twenty pounds. The change is made necessary because the French railway companies will not carry mail packages of more than seven pounds.

In order to prevent confusion, delay and perhaps the loss of packages anxiously awaited by American soldiers at the front, the postal authorities have expressed the hope that the change in weight will not be forgotten.

GIVE \$1,000 BOND

Middlebury Students Make Contribution Toward Endowment Fund.

Middlebury, Oct. 29.—The students of Middlebury have shown their love of country and of college by purchasing a \$1,000 Liberty Bond and presenting it as an undergraduate contribution to the \$300,000 general endowment fund that the college is hoping to secure between now and July 1, 1918.

After a three days' canvass of the student body, it was announced at chapel that the campaign had been successfully ended, the goal having been reached, with a comfortable margin.

BRATTLEBORO OVER MAXIMUM

Subscription From Wilmington Gives District Big Boost.

Brattleboro, Oct. 31.—From a source not previously counted upon, the figures for the Liberty bonds sales in the Brattleboro district were pushed up beyond the maximum quota, the bank in Wilmington telephoning that it had subscriptions amounting to \$55,000.

This makes the total for the district \$514,850, or \$7,850 more than the maximum.

Estate of Arnold W. Woodward.

STATE OF VERMONT, DISTRICT OF BENNINGTON, PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Arnold W. Woodward, late of Bennington in said District, deceased: GREETINGS. At a Probate Court, holden at Bennington, Vermont and for said District, on the 16th day of October, 1917, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Arnold W. Woodward, late of Bennington in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court, that the 14th day of November, 1917, at the Probate office in said District, be and is appointed a day for the hearing of said instrument, to wit: at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place all persons claiming to be entitled to the said estate of said deceased, or any part thereof, are notified to appear, and to show cause why said instrument should not be admitted to probate.

Given under my hand at Bennington in said District this 16th day of October, 1917.

AMY H. HARRISON, Register.